

Abstract of the Disclosure

When a telephone unit communicates with a communication party using a television telephone function, a receiving portion of the telephone unit receives compressed moving picture data from the communication party having a moving picture encoder through a communication network.

5 While the received moving picture compressed data is successively decoded by a moving picture decoder and displayed on a displaying device or the like, when the user of the telephone unit performs an inputting operation equivalent to a shutter operation, one frame of decoded picture data at the

10 timing is supplied to a still picture encoder and encoded as still picture compressed data. In addition, a communication party telephone number detecting portion detects the telephone number of the communication party and stores it to a telephone directory along with the compressed still picture data.

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